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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT WITH COUP PLOTTERS

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1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCES, WHO ARE USUALLY WELL-INFORMED IN MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, A SECOND RANGOON EMBASSY (IN ADDITION TO BANGLADESH) WAS INVOLVED WITH ONE OF THE ARRESTED COUP PLOTTERS (REFTEL). THE JAPANESE TOLD US THAT WOULD-BE ASSASSIN MAHN DAR WAIK HAD BEEN DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN A GEM SMUGGLING ENTERPRISE. AS FAR AS THE JAPANESE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, THE DPRK INTEREST IN MAHN DAR WEIK HAD BEEN PURELY FINANCIAL, RATHER THAN POLITICAL, IN NATURE. THE GUB, ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE, IS FULLY AWARE OF MAHN DAR WAIK'S KOREAN CONNECTIONS, BUT DOES NOT PLAN ANY ACTION AGAINST THE EMBASSY.

2. A CAREFUL RE-READING OF THE ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT (REFTEL) LENDS CREDENCE TO THE ABOVE, SINCE IT STATES THAT MAHN DAR WEIK "HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN SMUGGLED GEMS TRADE" IN 1975-76. MOREOVER, A SEPTEMBER 9 NEWSPAPER STORY ON THE TRIAL REPORTS THAT MAHN DAR WAIK "WAS A TRANSLATOR WITH THE NEWS PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE KOREAN EMBASSY."

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE BURMESE ARE UNLIKELY TO MAKE A PUBLIC ISSUE OF THIS MATTER, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF NE WIN'S FORTH-COMING VISIT TO PYONGYANG, IT CANNOT FAIL TO AFFECT THE GUB'S PRIVATE OPINION OF THE DPRK AND ITS DIPLOMATS.
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